



**Kurt E. Floren**  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Director of Weights and Measures

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

*Department of  
Agricultural Commissioner/  
Weights and Measures*

12300 Lower Azusa Road  
Arcadia, California 91006-5872  
<http://acwm.lacounty.gov>



**Richard K. Iizuka**  
Chief Deputy

August 04, 2015


The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

44 August 4, 2015

  
PATRICK OZAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT #15-0040 WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE FOR THE HIGH RISK PEST EXCLUSION PROGRAM ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES**

### **SUBJECT**

The High Risk Pest Exclusion Program provides for the inspection of plants, flowers, and produce to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases found in shipments of agricultural commodities within critical pest pathways. Its purpose is to stop potential infestations that would cause irreparable damage to agriculture both in Los Angeles County and throughout the State to both the urban and native environment, and to residents' home gardens and trees. Approval of this action will allow for continuation of this program. There is no net County cost associated with this program. The County Agricultural Commissioner is responsible for the administration of this local enforcement program specified by the California Food and Agricultural Code Section 2282.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve and instruct the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to sign the accompanying agreement (#15-0040) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), which reimburses the County \$1,113,031.00 for one year, beginning July 1, 2015, for the work conducted by the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) for the High Risk Pest Exclusion (HRPE) Program.
2. Authorize the Commissioner/Director to amend the agreement in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the original agreement subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification to the Board offices.
3. Authorize the Commissioner/Director to amend the Scope of Work with no fiscal impact to the

contract, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification to the Board offices.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Your Board has approved similar agreements with CDFA since 2000. Approval of the recommended actions will enable the ACWM to continue the HRPE Program to prevent the entry of exotic plant pests and diseases into Los Angeles County.

The County HRPE Program provides for the inspection of trucks carrying nursery plants and air freight terminals through which agricultural commodities, such as plants, flowers, and produces, are shipped. The Program also provides for the inspection of sea containers, express freight facilities, specialty markets, and swap meets at which plant and produce shipments and marketing are involved. Interception at these points of entry is the primary defense against the introduction and spread of exotic and quarantine pests and diseases. ACWM has consulted and worked collaboratively with shippers and receivers to assist in preventing the entry of exotic plant pests and diseases.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Awarding the contract meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness. The HRPE Program significantly reduces the risk of new pest introductions, which reduces the need for pesticide applications against new pests in the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Under this agreement, CDFA will provide funding in the amount of \$1,113,031.00 for work performed by this Department for the period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. The revenue was included in the department's Fiscal Year 2015–2016 Final Adopted Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The agreement is for the period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

Food and Agricultural Code Section 2282.5 provides authority for annual funding for the HRPE Program. It specifies and mandates that high hazard pest exclusion inspections be enhanced first, and net county funds may then be allocated to the (10) other specified ACWM programs. These programs are Pest Detection, Pest Eradication, Pest Management Control, Pest Exclusion, Seed Inspection, Nursery Inspection, Fruit and Vegetable Quality Control, Egg Quality Control, Apiary Inspection, and Crop Statistics.

Contract #15-0040 has been reviewed by County Counsel and is approved as to form.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended Board action will support the program services for the entire 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

8/4/2015

Page 3

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt E. Floren', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

KURT E. FLOREN

Agricultural Commissioner, Director of Weights  
and Measures

KEF:EEW:tk

Enclosures

c: Interim Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Acting Executive Officer

AGREEMENT NUMBER

**15-0040**

REGISTRATION NUMBER

1. This Agreement is entered into between the State Agency and the Contractor named below:

STATE AGENCY'S NAME

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

CONTRACTOR'S NAME

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

2. The term of this

Agreement is: July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

3. The maximum amount  
of this Agreement is:

**\$ 1,113,031.00**

One Million One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Thirty-one Dollars and No Cents

4. The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement.

Exhibit A – Scope of Work

1 page(s)

Attachment 1

10 page(s)

Exhibit B – Budget Detail and Payment Provisions

1 page(s)

Attachment 1

2 page(s)

Exhibit C\* – General Terms and Conditions – GTC 610

Check mark one item below as Exhibit D:



Exhibit - D Special Terms and Conditions (Attached hereto as part of this agreement)

1 page(s)



Exhibit - D\* Special Terms and Conditions

Exhibit E – Additional Provisions

4 page(s)

Items shown with an Asterisk (\*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as if attached hereto.

These documents can be viewed at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/ols/Resources/StandardContractLanguage.aspx>.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

**CONTRACTOR**

CONTRACTOR'S NAME (If other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

BY (Authorized Signature)

*Mark J. Salas*

DATE SIGNED (Do not type)

*[Signature]*

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING

County Counsel

ADDRESS

12300 LOWER AZUSA ROAD, ARCADIA, CA 91006

By *[Signature]*

Deputy

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

AGENCY NAME

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

BY (Authorized Signature)

DATE SIGNED (Do not type)

*[Signature]*

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING

JENNIFER CROW, ACQUISITIONS MANAGER

ADDRESS

1220 N STREET, ROOM 115, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

California Department of General  
Services Use Only

☐ Exempt per: DGS Ltr 28.7